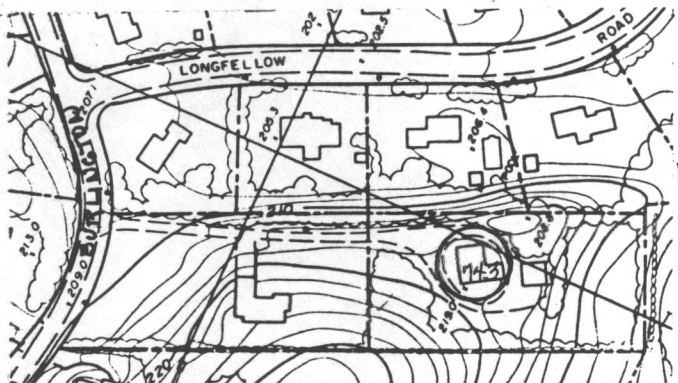


FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number 0077000032 USGS Quad Boston N. Area(s) Form Number 743

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 119 Burlington St.

Historic Name Sidney Butters House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1847

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Italianate (altered)

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick/Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Vinyl Siding

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Shed dormer, side and rear additions (dates unknown)

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.9 A.

Setting Far back from the street and isolated from other houses

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) February 1998

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

119 Burlington St. is a greatly altered Italianate farmhouse and one of the few in Lexington that retains a sense of its original rural setting. The most comparable house may be the one at 34 Valley Rd. (MHC #1011) but 119 Burlington St. is more intact. The house is rectangular, 1½ stories, three-by-four bays, and front-gabled with a side chimney. It is set on a brick foundation, clad with vinyl siding, and roofed with asphalt shingles. On the southeast elevation is a two-story side-gabled three-by-one bay addition on a fieldstone foundation, and in the rear reentrant angle is a one-story shed-roofed extension. The main entry is on the facade and widows are 6/6 double hung sash. The roof of the front porch is supported by square posts, and there is a shed-roofed wall dormer on the northwest slope of the roof. The small side-gabled garage is clad with wood shingles.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house built in 1847 by Sidney Butters, who bought the land that year and the next year was assessed for a house on it. Interestingly, Butters sold the property in 1850 for the same price he had paid for it in 1847 before the house was built. This house was apparently not the farmhouse for a larger farm, for the lot Butters purchased in 1847 was only was two acres—later divided to make the lots on which this house and the one now at 117 Burlington St. are located, and it is not clear why this house was placed so far back from the road. In 1869 Michael McGann bought the house and the McGanns owned it for the rest of the 19th century.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*